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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: MFA REACTION TO NATO
SESSION

REF: AMBASSADOR IRVING-PINKNEY (EUR/NE) TELECON JAN 13

1. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH MFA AND OTHERS BEFORE AND
SINCE TELECON I WAS ABLE TO CONVEY OUR ASSESSMENT OF USG ROLE
AT SESSION. SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION FROM ICELAND'S NATO PERMREP
CONFIRMED OUR ASSESSMENT. MFA REPORT WHICH BEING PRESENTED TO GOI
AND ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT 0900 THIS MORNING WILL
PRESENT USG ROLE AND CONCERN IN FAVORABLE LIGHT.

2. RE SEVERING RELATIONS WITH UK, GOI STILL DETERMINED TO PROCEED
BUT SUPPORT GAINING FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL AFTER LUNS' MISSION IS
COMPLETED. FEELING WITHIN MFA IS THAT ONLY THE TIMING OF ACTION
IS IN DOUBT AND NOT THE ACTION ITSELF. TIMING HAS SEESAWED BACK
AND FORTH DURING NIGHT AND AS OF 0800 THIS MORNING, DECISION
SEEMS TO BE POSTPONEMENT FOR FEW DAYS.

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